GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:630
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MAHILA SAMAKHYA PROGRAMME
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where Mahila Samakhya Programme is in operation in the country;

(b) the achievements made under the programme in these States, State-wise; and

(c) the funds earmarked for this programme during the last three years and the current year, year-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.630 FOR 06.05.2003 REGARDING MAHILA SAMAKHYA PROGRAMME ASKED BY SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJ

(a) The centrally sponsored scheme of Mahila Samakhya is in operation in six States of the country viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Mahila Samakhya is a programme for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas, particularly women from socially and economically marginalised groups. The major achievements in all these States are:-

1. As reflected in sample evaluations, there has been a tremendous upsurge in the demand for education, information & knowledge in the women's groups both for themselves and for the school education for their children.

2. Each State has developed modules/materials within the local context for enhancing women's education and the Mahila Samakhya perspective.

3. Women's Groups have become articulate with information and validation of their knowledge and skills, and are now able to express themselves in all types of forums and situations.

4. Women's Groups have successfully raised awareness and initiated programmes on literacy, health, economic empowerment and environment.

5. Women's Groups have emerged as credible local organisations providing space for greater autonomy for women as valuable sources of information. Issues have been taken up and activities negotiated with reasonable success with State and other agencies based on emerging needs.

6. Women have become more visible, due to their increased physical and social mobility.

(c) The funds earmarked for the programme are:

YEAR	FUNDS EARMARKED
2000-2001	Rs.10.00 crores
2001-2002	Rs.11.00 crores
2002-2003	Rs.20.00 crores
2003-2004	Rs.30.00 crores